

Proposal for a Council Decision modifying Decision 1999/311/EC of 29 April 1999 adopting the third phase of the trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education (Tempus III) (2000-2006)

(2000/C 248 E/08)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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(Submitted by the Commission on 31 March 2000)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 308 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision 1999/311/CE of 29 April 1999, the Council adopted the third phase of the trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education (Tempus III) (2000-2006)
- (2) This programme is intended for the non-associated countries of central and eastern Europe eligible for economic aid by virtue of Regulation (EEC) No 3906/89 (PHARE programme) or the programme intended to replace it and the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union and Mongolia as laid down in Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 99/2000 of 29 December 1999 concerning the provision of assistance to the partner States in Eastern Europe and Central Asia ⁽¹⁾ (which replaces the old Tacis programme)

(3) The footnote inserted in Article 2 states that 'at present' the programme relates to Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

(4) It is important to be able to extend the Tempus III programme to other countries in the region in future, in particular Croatia.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Decision 1999/311/CE is hereby amended as follows:

The first paragraph of Article 2 'Eligible countries' is replaced by the following text:

'Tempus III concerns the non-associated countries of central and eastern Europe designated as eligible for economic aid by virtue of Regulation (EEC) No 3906/89 (PHARE programme) or the programme intended to replace it, and the new independent states of the former Soviet Union and Mongolia mentioned in Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 99/2000 (which replaces the old Tacis programme). These countries are hereinafter referred to as "eligible countries"'

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 12, 18.1.2000, p. 1.